



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, 233d BASE SUPPORT BATTALION (DARMSTADT)
UNIT NUMBER 29500-0001
APO AE 09175-0001

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

AEUSG-DA-CO

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Water Safety Policy

1. PURPOSE. To provide an updated list of approved swimming facilities and water areas declared off limits located within the 233rd Base Support Battalion area of responsibility, (see enclosure for authorized swimming areas in the vicinity of Darmstadt & Babenhausen).

2. REFERENCES.

- a. USAREUR Regulation 385-2, USAREUR Water Safety Program, 15 Mar 95.
- b. USAREUR Pamphlet 385-5, Summer Safety, 13 June 89
- c. TB MED 575, Swimming Pools and Bathing Facilities, 02 Jul 93

3. APPLICABILITY. To all US Forces personnel, to include Department of the Army civilians, and family members.

4. GENERAL.

a. All commercially operated facilities (public swimming pools) are approved for personnel located within the 233d BSB. Unless specifically placed off limits by USAREUR Circular 190-24, App. B, Off-Limits Swimming Areas in Germany, all ocean and sea beaches, private and hotel/motel swimming pooling with permission of management and lifeguard on duty are authorized for swimming. A swimming area is authorized when:

(1) Qualified lifeguards are on duty. The lifeguards will possess a current American Red Cross (ARC) Advanced Lifesaving Certificate, ARC Water Safety Instructor Certification or equivalent host country certification (i.e. German Red Cross, Wasserwacht or DLRG Leistungsabzeichen).

(2) Sufficient lifesaving equipment, communications equipment, first aid facilities, protective devices, etc. available.

(3) The area is considered reasonably safe for swimming and bathing.

(4) The area meets sanitary standards prescribed in TB MED 575.

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b. **Swimming and bathing areas which do not meet the minimum criteria in para 4a are considered off limits:** all natural bodies of water, i.e. lakes, rivers, canals, gravel pits, ponds, fish farms, fountains, reservoirs and streams.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES.

a. Commanders will:

(1) Direct personnel to swim only in authorized swimming areas.

(2) Inform personnel about safe swimming practices and the dangers inherent in swimming after the consumption of alcohol or other intoxicants.

(3) Ensure a list of local authorized and off limits swimming areas is posted on unit bulletin boards.

b. This subject also must be included during initial orientations of newly assigned personnel.

c. Sponsors must inform their family members accordingly.

d. Personnel using public, approved swimming facilities will ensure proper and safe behavior for themselves, their family members, and guests.

6. Point of Contact for this action is the 233rd BSB Safety Office at 348-1670.

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Enclosure

233rd BSB AUTHORIZED SWIMMING AREAS

Swimming areas not mentioned in this enclosure are considered “authorized swimming area” as long as they meet the requirements in 4a above.

Babenhausen	IP/OP
Crumstadt	OP
Darmstadt Hallenbad.....	IP
Darmstadt Bessunger Bad	IP
Darmstadt Freibad Woog.....	OP
Darmstadt-Arheilgen Arheilger Muehlchen.....	OP
Darmstadt-Eberstadt in Muehlthalbad.....	OP
Dieburg	IP/OP
Gernsheim	IP
Goddelau	OP
Greisheim	IP/OP
Gross-Gerau.....	IP/OP
Gross-Umstadt.....	OP
Gross-Zimmern	IP
Seeheim-Jugenheim	OP
Neu-Isenburg	IP/OP
Ober-Beerbach	OP
Ober-Ramstadt.....	OP
Pfungstadt.....	IP/OP
Riedsee(near Leeheim)	OP
Rimbach.....	IP
Rossdorf.....	OP
Traisa	OP
Uberbach	IP
Weiterstadt	OP
Reinheim.....	OP

IP* INDOOR POOL

OP* OUTDOOR POOL